House Resolution No. 321

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have overcome economic or other adversities in the pursuit of their higher education through participation in the TRIO program established by the United States Congress in 1965; and

Whereas, Three Rivers Community College (TRCC) in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, wholeheartedly supports affiliation with TRIO as a way to ensure that low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities are successful in their quest for a college education; and

Whereas, TRIO programs nationwide annually celebrate TRIO Day by honoring alumni from their respective programs through awards presented to those outstanding students who have excelled academically and have persevered despite personal or family adversity; and

Whereas, Russel Molyneaux graduated from Southern Reynolds County R-II High School in May 2002 as a student who was active in TRIO Educational Talent Search during his junior high school and senior high school years; and

Whereas, an Honor Roll student with an impeccable character, Russel Molyneaux joined the national Beta organization; competed in a state academic competition, where he took third place; was a leading participant in the Southern Reynolds County R-II Academic Bowl; held membership in Future Business Leaders of America; and earned a Bright Flight scholarship; and

Whereas, Russel Molyneaux is now following his longstanding desire to become an engineer by attending the University of Missouri-Rolla, where he has completed one semester and continued to attain significant educational success:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the diligent studies which have helped carry Russel Molyneaux so far in his life as an exemplary TRIO program alumnus who is concretely transforming his educational dreams into reality; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Russel Molyneaux, TRIO Day award winner.

February 11, 2003.